

Minutes: Leesburg Planning Commission June 19, 2003

The Leesburg Planning Commission met on Thursday, June 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff members present for the meeting were Susan Swift, Nancy Kitchens, Brian Boucher, David Fuller, Nick Colonna and Jennifer Smith.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Cliff Vaughan
Commissioner Clem (late)
Commissioner Werner
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Bangert
Commissioner Hoover
Commissioner Dubè
Mayor Umstattd

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Kennedy moved to approve the agenda.

Motion: Kennedy
Carried: 6-0-1 (Clem arrived late)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

None

REMARKS BY PETITIONERS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ZOAM 03-02 BUFFER-YARD MODIFICATION- Brian Boucher, Zoning Administrator

Brian Boucher came forward to talk about the Buffer-Yard Modification and answer any questions that the Commission had.

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Mr. David Miles of 206 Wirt Street N.W. came forward to speak in opposition to the Buffer-Yard Modification changes.

Mr. Bill Zawacki of 1107 Rollins Pl. SW came forward to speak in opposition to the Buffer-Yard Modification changes.

Mr. Bob Bosco of 20862 Isherwood Terrace, Ashburn came forward to speak in favor of the Buffer-Yard Modification changes.

Mr. Mark Nelis of 201 North 23rd St. Purcellville, VA came forward to speak in favor of the Buffer-Yard Modification changes.

Mr. Beck Dickerson of 316 Edwards Ferry Rd. came forward to speak in opposition to the Buffer-Yard Modification changes.

Commissioner Hoovler asked if this modification would affect the H-1 overlay district.

Mr. Boucher explained that the Council would only look at Special Exceptions outside the H-1 because there is already a separate procedure with someone other than the Land Development Official looking at modifications in the H-1, which is the BAR.

Commissioner Hoovler asked how this would affect other Special Exception application.

Mr. Boucher stated that it would allow the Planning Commission to make recommendations to the Council regarding any buffer screening modifications.

Commissioner Bangert asked when the LDO makes the decision do they get input from staff.

Mr. Boucher stated that there is input from staff.

Commissioner Dubè asked how many times has there been a modification request Received.

Mr. Boucher stated he did not have an exact figure, but that he could get that Information.

Commissioner Werner stated that she was not at the last meeting and wanted to know how the other Commissioners felt about this.

Commissioner Hoovler stated that he was opposed at the last meeting by Commissioner Kennedy's comments, but now he has decided he is for it.

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Commissioner Bangert stated that she is not for this and she agrees with Mr. Dickerson's comment that this could become a popularity contest with applications and the only reason I am not ready to vote on this tonight because I would like to here from residence near the area.

Mayor Umstattd stated that the BZA can hear from citizens but they cannot take into consideration what citizens want. In fact if all the adjacent property owners were in support of this the BZA would not look at that it is something that the LDO and the Council would look at so even though citizens can speak to the BZA their opinions don't count the way they count here or at the Town Council because the BZA is a technical process.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

ZONING

None

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:

Susan Swift introduced the new Chief of Comprehensive Planning David Fuller to the Planning Commission.

Nick Colonna came forward to make a presentation to introduce the Town Plan process to the Planning Commission.

Susan Swift stated that they are going to do a mass mailing with a postcard to notify all citizens of the Visioning and Sector meetings.

David Fuller came forward to talk about the Town Plan process and to get ideas from the Planning Commission on issues they would like addressed.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Clem made a motion to cancel the meetings for July 17th and August 21st.

Motion: Clem
Second: Dubè
Carried: 7-0

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Susan Swift stated that there will be a facilitator at each of the visioning sessions.

Commissioner Werner stated that the Residential Traffic Committee has an opening in the Southeast quadrant.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the EDC met in a special meeting and came through with an unanimous opposition to the proposed development of West Park as a park and ride lot. They will be forwarding to Council their recommendation.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Smith

Cliff Vaughan, Chairman